Bible & Daily Living

A lesson in grace

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Bible Study Passage: Luke 7:36-50

Introduction

One of the characteristics of Luke's Gospel is the positive affirmation he expresses toward women. Luke includes several accounts where Jesus gives or receives ministry from a woman. This is significant in light of the poor status women experienced in New Testament times.

The early Pharisees were always quick to point out the sins of others, and they almost delighted in dragging a woman's name through the "mud". In this week's lesson a woman approaches Jesus to wash, dry and annoint his feet as a gesture of her love. To the observant Pharisees this woman was doing penitence for her sin. Jesus observed and received her actions as expressions of love.

Too often we act Pharisiac in our attitude towards others. We are quick to condemn and slow to forgive. We find it easier to bless a winner than a loser. We are often much more adept at blaming than we are at loving. Jesus comes along and shows us what it means to love without being bound by the "shackles" of condemnation.

A Rude Host [Luke 7:36,44-46]

When Jesus was invited to eat dinner at Simon's house, he did not receive the customary social graces befitting such an occasion. It was customary to give the invited guest a kiss of peace and to wash their dusty feet. Simon did neither.

Some have speculated that Simon had some ulterior motive for inviting Jesus to his home, but Jesus nevertheless responded to the invitation. Simon was probably a bit surprised that Jesus would come to his house in light of the tension that existed between Pharisees and Jesus.

Jesus never allowed differences to keep him from ministry or mingling with the people.

We may learn an important lesson from the behavior of Jesus. Christians are sometimes notorious for accenting their differences rather than highlighting their common bonds. Jesus had his theological differences but he never let belief put distance between him

A Grateful Woman [Luke 7:37-39, 47]

The woman who came in to do her loving deed was obviously emotionally touched by being in the mere presence of Jesus. Her gift to him took the form of washing, annointing and kissing his feet. She wiped dry the tears that fell from her eyes with her hair. She demonstrated a moving love for the man who befriended sinners.

Those who looked on were critical of Jesus' receptiveness to this woman with a questionable character. Simon was perhaps projecting his own unacceptable feelings of the woman whom Jesus openly received. Simon condemned in Jesus what he knew to be true about himself.

The Grateful Guest [Luke 7:43,48-50]

Jesus encountered suspicion on the part of those who witnessed his act of forgiving the woman's sins. "Who is this that forgiveth sins also?" Jesus tried to teach Simon an important lesson at that dinner meeting, namely, that to practice forgiveness is to open the doors of the Kingdom to other people.

When we experience the forgiveness of Christ we naturally respond to him and others in a spirit of love. To experience forgiveness is to be at peace with oneself and others.

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Williams is assigned

Airman Michael L. Williams, son of Ned and Viola Williams of Route 5, Madison Heights, Va., has been assigned to Keesler Air Force Base, Miss., after completing Air Force basic training.

During the six weeks at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

The airman will now receive specialized instruction in the administration field.

His wife, Debra, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Gibson of Route 1, Gladstone, Va.

The airman is a 1973 graduate of Amherst County High School, Va.

For satellite home

Land given to PHBP

Property for a proposed satellite group home for 12 boys is being donated to Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. at Cluster Springs in South Halifax County. Mr. and Mrs. William M. Rogers of Ashland, Virginia will donate the home and ten acres of "Sunny View" Farm by the end of this month, with an additional 90 acres being donated in early 1983.

The home at "Sunny View" is a 14-room structure built in 1894 and was the first fully fireproof home in the area. It has a number of interesting architectural features. This property meets all of the initial criterion established by the Plantation for its proposed satellite group home and is being donated for that purpose. If the property cannot be utilized for this purpose within the next five years, it will be sold with the proceeds being used in Patrick Henry Boys Plantation's other programs.

Patrick Henry Boys Plantation has been conducting extensive surveys in Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, Halifax and Mecklenburg Counties for several months, seeking a suitable location for a satellite group home for 12 boys. Robert W. McCullough, Executive Director at Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, said "Sunny View is a unique structure that seems to have outstanding potential for a satellite group home. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers are making a most generous gift to our program which we believe will add a new dimension to our ministry and the youth in need of our services. If this project proves feasible, it will be our objective to make this facility a big asset for Cluster Springs and Halifax County."

The home will require extensive renovation to provide heating, plumbing and electrical systems. It has not been determined what alterations will be required to meet fire and health codes or how much the renovations and redecorating will cost. Mr. McCullough said that as soon as these cost factors can be determined and feasibility studies completed, a fund raising effort would be organized to secure funding to renovate, redecorate, and furnish the facility as a group home.

This proposed facility will provide care for up to 12 nondelinquent boys ranging in age from 6 to 17 years old and will be staffed with a well-trained couple with support services provided by the Boys Home main campus in Brookneal. The focus of the program will be to model a Christian home environment and will be community oriented.

Officials from Patrick Henry Boys Plantation, Inc. have met with community leaders in the Cluster Springs area and a local Advisory Committee will be appointed to help develop this project if further studies prove the project is feasible. Mr. McCullough indicated that the Plantation planned to move ahead with these plans, step-by-step, and at this point, no insurmountable obstacles were in sight.

DMV offices to close

All Division of Motor Vehicles offices and driver testing stations will be closed Friday, December 31 in observance of New Year's.

Otherwise, DMV offices are open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and all other weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Driver testing stations will be open according to their regular schedules.

Deaths

Mrs. Curnel Adkins

Mrs. Nannie Geneva Thomas Wade Adkins, 70, died Wednesday, Dec. 22 in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Amherst County, she was a daughter of the late Don E. Thomas and Esther Everett Thomas. She was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church of Lynchburg.

She is survived by her husband, Curnel Adkins, Lynchburg; three daughters, Mrs. Irma A. Pugh, Virginia Beach, Mrs. Carolyn A. Nelson, Concord, and Mrs. Nelda A. Stevens, Lynchburg; four sons, Calvin Adkins, Rustburg, Roy D. Adkins, Lynchburg, Raymond E. Wade, Amherst, and Julian E. Wade, Rustburg; three sisters, Mrs. Alpha T. Carter, Richmond, Mrs. Lila T. Thomas, Appomattox, and Mrs. Myrtle T. Campbell, Spout Spring; three brothers, Edmond Thomas, Baltimore, Md., B.E. Thomas, Evergreen and Frank Thomas, Appomattox, and 13 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Friday at 1 p.m. in Diuguid Rivermont Chapel, with interment in Altavista Memorial Park.

Diuguid Rivermont Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Louise Doss Jones

Mrs. Louise Doss Jones died Wednesday, Dec. 22 at McVitty Nursing Home, Salem, after a long illness. She was the widow of Henry Williston Jones.

She was born in Appomattox, daughter of the late Henry Clay Doss and Cordelia Wright Doss. She was a member of Jefferson Street Baptist Church, Roanoke.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Steve (Bobbie) Vinson of Pearisburg and Mrs. Preston (June) Dunn of Forest; one sister, Mrs. Elsie Doss of Lynchburg; one brother, David C. Doss of Lynchburg, and five grandchildren, Dorinda Vinson, Paul Vinson, Mark Vinson, Kelly Dunn and Kerrie Dunn.

Funeral services were conducted at noon Friday from Diuguid Waterlick Chapel. Interment was in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

Diuguid Waterlick Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Joseph D. Ferrell

Joseph D. Ferrell, 61, of Route 3 died at 11:50 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Medical Care Center. He was the husband of Alice G. Ferrell.

Born in Bedford County, he was a foster son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Ferrell. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and a World War II veteran, serving in the Naval Air Corps. He was a member of American Legion Post 104, retired owner of Ferrell's Art Ware and a retired farmer. He attended VPI and was a 4-H All-Star and a member of Virginia and American Angus associations.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Raymond F. Jamerson of Appomattox and Mrs. Leslie Judd of Edinburg.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. at Robinson Funeral Home by Dr. Carl Collins. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John Louis Sheffey

John Louis Sheffey, 69, of 821 Rockbridge Ave. died at 3:45 p.m. Thursday at Lynchburg General Hospital. He was the husband of Irene Shannon Sheffey.

Born in Pulaski County, he was a son of the late William Robert Sheffey and Margaret Jane Honaker Sheffey. He was a great-grandson of the late Rev. Robert Sayer Sheffey. He was a retired coal miner and a former employee of Campbell-Payne Inc. He was a member of United Mine Workers Association.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Donald William Sheffey of Concord and John Lee Sheffey of Lynchburg; four daughters, Mrs. Bobby (Maxine) Chapman, Evelyn Sheffey Tomlin, Mrs. Irving (Mary) Citty and Mrs. Louis (Sandra) Talbott, all of Lynchburg; four sisters, Cora French of Eckman, W. Va., Virginia Marsh of Arlington, Alice Henderson of Charleston, W. Va., and Catherine Karman of Bethlehem, Pa.; 17 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted at 3 p.m. Monday at Whitten Timberlake Chapel by the Rev. Danny Smith. Burial will be in Fort Hill Memorial Park.

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Galilee news

It is our hope that everyone enjoyed a beautiful Christmas seaosn. We wish for everyone a joyous and prosperous New Year.

Regular preaching services will be held at Galilee this coming Sunday at 11 a.m.

Mrs. Delores Bagby received special treatment at the hospital during the holidays. Mrs. Mae Fitch is improving.

The Ladies' Club drawing will be held on January 15 at 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Mrs. Martin expresses her regret for the delay.

Let us continue in prayer one for another.

The Senior Choir will have regular rehersal at 6 p.m. Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Godwin and son, of North Carolina, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Louise Watson and family.

Mrs. Jacqueline Poteat and family of Baltimore, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Lawing and family.

Promise Land news

"Bible Study Prevents Sin." Ps. 119:11

The regular meeting of the Usher's Board on Tuesday, January 4, 1983 has been canceled until further notice.

The General Church meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 1983 at 5 p.m.

Let us remember the sick and shut-in. Special prayers go out to Sister Hancock, Sister Margaret Forrest and Brother James Fleshman in hopes that they may feel better soon.

Mt. Pleasant news

The programs for the second and third Sundays of this month had to be cancelled because of the bad weather.

Last Sunday, the weather was beautiful, and a large crowd turned out to hear the Rev. Napier's sermon, "God is always on time." There were visitors from Peaks, Gravel Hill and First St. Paul (Rustburg). We love to have visitors come in and visit with us. The new church pews had arrived in time for last Sunday's service.

Sunday school services followed the sermon.

The Ladies' Aid Club brought the baby contest to a close. Three prizes were given. First prize went to Mrs. Gracie Walker. Her baby was her granddaughter, Jennifer Marshall. Second prize went to Mrs. Pearl Chambers for her baby, Ansionette Wheeler. Third prize went to Mrs. Ealdon Walker for her baby, Towana Walker. Thanks to all the other ladies for making this a success.

Bible study will be held the first Wednesday night in January from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Start the new year off right: come and participate in the Bible study.

Members of the Pastor's Aid and Ladies' Aid groups will meet the second Saturday in January at 2:30 p.m. with Deacon and Mrs. Rosser Edward.

The Rev. and Mrs. Napier, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Chambers and two boys were dinner guests of Mrs. Odell Chambers last Sunday.

Ssgt. Ernest L. Walker and his family visited in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker over the holidays. He is married to the former Laneville Scott of Prospect and they have two children, Ernest III and Steven. He is stationed at the Air Force Base in Myrtle Beach, S.C. and she lives in Richmond where she is secretary to the president of the Southern Aid Life Insurance Co. They also visited Mr. Pleasant Church Sunday.

SP/4 William C. Basemore spent the holidays with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker. He has just completed a stay in Korea where he worked in the post office as a postal clerk. A 1977 graduate of Appomattox County High School. William is now stationed at Fort Sill in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Oakville news

Mrs. Ruby Boggs of Scottsville was weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burcher.

Walker Covington of Williamsburg was week end guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beryl Covington.

The family of Louis Moore met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker Moore for Christmas dinner. Those attending other than family were Mrs. Ruby Boggs of Scottsville and Mary Anne Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. Ryland Hunter of Crewe visited Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker Moore, Le and Stacey a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Taylor of Kingsport, Tenn. visited Mrs. Alise Drinkard, Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Hunter and other relatives last week.

Mrs. Alise Drinkard is a patient in Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Hunter over the holidays were Mrs. Helen Bussey of Roanoke, Mrs. C.T. Moses Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Martin, Mrs. Murrell Jordan and Katherine, Louis Moore, Bob Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Irby, David and Cheryl, Mrs. Mary Moore, Mrs. Robert Totty, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Megginson, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Walker Moore, Le and Stacey, and Mrs. Garland Burcher.

Mrs. Wiley Moore visited her sister, Mrs. Clare Cox of Lynchburg on Sunday.

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